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SUBJ: NOV 29-30 EC SUMMIT: VIEW FROM THE HAGUE

1. MOOD HERE AFTER RECENT EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IS ONE OF DISAPPOINTMENT WITH WHAT WAS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE BEEN AN UNPRODUCTIVE SESSION. EXPECTATIONS ON THE OTHER HAND HAD NOT BEEN HIGH. DUTCH HAVE LONG FELT THAT SUMMITS TEND TO CREATE IMPRESSION OF IMPENDING MOMENTOUS DECISION WHEN IN FACT LITTLE CAN REALLY BE ACHIEVED. FONMIN VAN DER STOELS REMARKS TO PRESS LAST JUNE ON EVE OF DUTCH PRESIDENCY THAT SUMMITS HAVE LITTLE MEANING (THE HAGUE 3607) WERE BORNE OUT THIS WEEK.

2. OFFICIALS WE HAVE SEEN COMMENTED THAT EC WAS NOW REAPING REWARDS OF HOLDING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WITH INADEQUATE PRIOR STAFFING AND WITHOUT PROPER STAFF PAPERS FOR ACTION. IT WAS ANOTHER CASE OF BUSY MEN TRYING TO DO TOO MANY THINGS TOO QUICKLY. ADDRESSING DUTCH PARLIAMENT EVENING OF DEC 1, PRIMIN EN UYL POINTED OUT
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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS HAD TAKEN DECISIONS WHEN MINISTERIAL

MEETINGS HAD FAILED RESOLVE ISSUES. DEN UYL DID NOT SUPPORT IDEA THAT SUMMITS SHOULD ONLY BE HELD IF THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO LEAD TO DECISIONS. HE ASKED SECOND CHAMBER TO VOTE DOWN A LIBERAL MOTION SUPPORTING THAT VIEW.

3. FEW CONCRETE ITEMS EMERGED FROM MEETING. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED TO NOMINATIONS FOR EC COMMISSION, AND STRIVING TO SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AGREED ON COMMUNIQUE ON CIEC, EC-JAPANESE RELATIONS AND TINDEMANS REPORT. LATTER HAD MANY WAILING ON EGGS IN VIEW OF BELGIAN PREMIERS POSITION BEFORE MEETING. FEARFUL OF A BLOWUP, DUTCH AND TINDEMANS CAME TO THE HAGUE EARLY. END RESULT WAS SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO ALL. REPORT WAS EFFECTIVELY SHELVED, BUT TINDEMANS WILL HAVE SATISFACTION OF HAVING EC COMMISSION AND FORMING REPORT TO COUNCIL YEARLY THUS KEEPING REPORT ALIVE AND HIS NAME IN PUBLIC VIEW.

4. DEC 1 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIED STORY BY JAMES GOLDSBOROUGH WHICH REPORTED THAT PRIMIN DEN UYL, SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL "URGED AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING WITH EEC'S PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNERS, THE US, JAPAN AND CANADA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE". WE HAVE RAISED MATTER WITH SEVERAL REPORTERS WHO ATTENDED DEN UYL'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND THEY LIKE US AND MFA OFFICIALS WHO WERE ALSO PRESENT, DID NOT REPORT NOT HEAR DEN UYL SAY ANYTHING ON SUBJECT. ACCOUNT REPORTED IN BRUSSELS 11828 THAT PRESIDENCY WOULD KEEP POSSIBILITY OPEN FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN JANUARY SEEMS MORE ACCURATE. MCCLOSKEY

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